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## SOAP STAR JOINS CAST

Former soap star Shaun Williamson got into the pantomime spirit to promote the Central Theatre's Christmas production of Aladdin. The ex-EastEnders met with other cast members at the Chatham theatre last week to take part in a taster show for group bookers.

Maidstone-born Shaun, who played Albert Square's bumbling Barry Evans, was joined by CBeebies' Mister Maker, otherwise known as Medway-born Phil Gallagher, actresses Natalie Cleverley and Claire Huckle, and actor Paul Burling.

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## EXCLUSIVE

BY SIMON ROBINSON

**MORE** than 50 council employees given essential car user status received a total of £61,000 of taxpayers' money last year – despite not claiming a single business mile between them.

The 56 workers were deemed to have "duties of such a nature that it is essential for them to have a car at their disposal whenever required".

Not one of them left the council's car park for business purposes during the 2008/09 financial year, yet each driver received a lump sum of £1,095 – at a combined cost of £61,320.

A total of 519 Medway Council workers were listed as essential car users last year, raking in more than £907,000 between them.

Council moneymen launched a review into the mammoth payments earlier this year.

The findings showed nearly 200 essential users claimed less than 1,000 business miles, at a rate of 46.4p per mile.

This cost Medway taxpayers £263,021.

Had these workers been given casual user status the cost to Medway residents would have only been £59,226 – a saving of £203,794.

The Taxpayers' Alliance slammed the hand-outs. Campaign director Mark Wallace said: "It seems clear that there is a real opportunity for Medway Council to make large savings."

"People pay council tax for essential frontline

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# Police caught speeding but is it a fair cop?

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

MORE than 20 petrol-head police officers have fallen foul of the county's eagle-eyed network of speed cameras in the past three years, it has emerged.

Figures released by Kent Police, in response to a Freedom of Information request from KOS Media, show 24 officers have received fixed penalty notices for exceeding the speed limit since 2007.

Nearly half of these notices were issued while the officer was on duty. On a further four cases it is 'not known' if the officer was on duty or not.

The law-breaking officers range in rank from PC to Inspector and serve at forces across Kent, including Medway, Mid Kent and Force HQ.

Assistant Chief Constable, Andy Adams, said the true number of speeding officers was likely to be higher, as police regulations requiring officers to report the receipt of fixed penalty notices only came into effect in December 2008.

He added: "It is important to recognise that where an officer with Kent police cannot provide a lawful reason for activating a safety camera, he or she will be issued with a fixed penalty notice or court summons."

"Our Kent Standard sets out the service and standards the public can expect from Kent Police."

"It gives clear guidance to officers on the importance of complying with road traffic law for normal duties."

"Kent Police has vigorous checks and balances to ensure officers drive lawfully. When they don't they face the same penalties as anyone else. No police officer is above the law."

A spokesman for Speedcameras.org said the figures supported their call for speed cameras to be discontinued.

He said: "It's of no surprise to learn that police officers also exceed the speed limit, just like the other two million ordinary members of the



**YOU'RE NICKED:** Police officers surpassing the speed limit have been caught on film

public who get fined each year.

"It proves that even officers are just as likely to fall foul of the overzealous placement of speed cameras and mobile traps that line our streets and motorways."

"If these professional upholders of law can wander above the speed limit then what hope do the rest of us have?"

"Speed limits should not be policed in such a cold, robotic fashion. The thousands of speed cameras on our roads are only able to detect drivers who exceed the speed limit."

"Exceeding the speed limit is a main contributing factor for just five per cent of accidents."

"If perfectly good police officers break the law, on top of the millions of ordinary motorists, then perhaps it's time people should be asking if there is something wrong with the law or the way the law is policed?"

"After 15 years of speed cameras with more drivers than ever being fined, isn't it abundantly clear that speed cameras do not by any stretch of the imagination cause drivers to slow down?"

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Film captures the final curtain at old theatre

A FILM shot inside the historic Theatre Royal days before it was ripped down will be premiered in Chatham next month.

Final Curtain at the Theatre Royal, filmed by photographer Dave Wise, features the painting, poetry and music of Billy Childish, Lupen Crook and Oliver Burgess.

The performers snuck into the derelict Chatham building earlier this year, performing a number of tracks inside the Victorian theatre.

Director Dave Wise said: "We wanted to show how beautiful the inside of the building was, and how much of a disgrace it was that it wasn't being saved."

The film will be screened at The Command House in Chatham, on Wednesday, August 12.

## Thugs wanted over brick attack on man

TWO jobs are being hunted by police after hurling a brick at a 54-year-old man.

The men, thought to be in their 30s, threw the brick at their unsuspecting victim as he walked along King Edward Road, Chatham, at 7am on Saturday, July 15.

The brick hit the man on the back of the head, causing a deep three-inch cut.

Anyone with any information is asked to call PC Claire Hammond at Medway police Station on 01634 792423, or call Kent CrimeStoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## 'Walking bus' safe and healthy way to school

MORE than 700 Medway youngsters take a walking bus to school – more than any other borough in the county.

Figures for July show there are more than 40 walking buses across the towns, an all-time record high.

Medway council's frontline services boss, Phil Filmer, said: "This is excellent news and shows a tremendous effort by all the pupils and schools taking part."

"Walking buses are a great way for children and their families to benefit from fresh air and exercise every day."

More walking buses are expected to join in September.




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# Teachers targeted by Facebook cyber-bullies

## EXCLUSIVE

BY SIMON ROBINSON

CYBER-bullies have attacked teachers at a top Medway grammar school on an online social networking site.

Pupils at Rainham Mark Grammar School have used the Facebook website to insult their teachers - setting up an offensive 'What RMGS teacher are you?' quiz.

The multiple choice quiz has four outcomes, each giving an explanation of what characteristics the participant and teacher share.

Those likened to a maths teacher are said to: "have a strange accent which no-one can understand."

"You are only loved by students for the fact that you are an easy target in maths lessons."

Another teacher's description reads: "Do I need to say any more? You are good at what you do even though some people think that what you do should not really be mentioned."

A history teacher is also targeted, with his one-liner reading: "Some call you the legend of the school! You can be very kind and sympathetic but strict at times. People listen to you but you can get annoying."

A religious education teacher escapes criticism, with her description reading: "You think strongly about your religion and like to teach all about it. You are a great person and know how to keep everything under control."

No-one at the school was available for com-



**OFFENSIVE:** A Facebook quiz invites users to compare themselves to teachers at Rainham Mark Grammar School

ment, owing to the summer holiday break.

But John Walder, secretary of the Kent division of the NUT, said the quiz was unacceptable. He said: "This kind of thing is one step along a road no-one wants to go down. Pupils are increasingly using message boards and chat rooms for this type of activity."

"As always, it may start off as a joke but it usually ends with someone going too far."

Quiz questions include 'In your spare time you like to...' which has answers such as 'Um... do more sport' and 'Continue being posh'.

A Medway Council spokesman said: "We take bullying very seriously, whether it involves children or members of staff, and are keen to ensure that everyone in the school community feels they are able to report incidents when they occur."

"Schools have no control over what information is shared by staff and pupils on the internet during their own time, but everyone is reminded that comments they share on social networking sites could constitute as bullying, which is not acceptable."



## FIDO could soon be cleaning up at a park near you

A MOTORIZED poop scoop buggy will soon be wheeling its way around Medway's parks and green spaces.

The high-tech hop-on FIDO - Faeces Intake Disposal Operation - is equipped with special suction equipment so that it can quickly and effectively clean away dog mess.

Community safety and enforcement boss Rehman Chishti said: "We find that most dog owners are considerate of other residents in Medway and do clean up after their pets. Unfortunately, some do not."

"Ensuring Medway's parks and other green spaces are clean and free of dog fouling is something the council takes extremely seriously and will take enforcement action against people who allow their dogs to foul an area."

"Our officers already do a great deal of work ensuring our parks and other green spaces are clean and the new FIDO machine will help them."

"If you do believe you have a problem with dog fouling in your local park please phone 333333 and report it so that we can help out."

FIDO will operate in parks and other green spaces when it arrives in the next few months.

## £61,000 for workers to go nowhere

FROM FRONT PAGE

services. Their money must not be handed out without good reason.

"It's simply not good enough that hundreds of families have paid council tax which has been given away entirely unnecessarily."

Council bosses met on Thursday, July 23, to discuss the review, compiled by HR Services head Ralph Edwards.

Mr Edwards wrote: "Essential car user status is determined by assessing the job description for the post against a number of criteria and also reviewing previous travel claims to assess patterns of travel."

"Over time a number of concerns have arisen; the criteria are not objectively measurable; essential car user status is currently attached to a post title without taking into account the requirement for the postholder to undertake significant business mileage."

"It is clearly unsatisfactory and inequitable for employees to receive an essential car user allowance when they are not entitled to claim any business mileage."

The Employment Matters Committee members requested "more work and analysis to be carried out".

## Call to make road safer after women killed at crossing

A MOTHER and daughter were killed after being hit by a car in Strood.

The women - one believed to be in her 60s, the other in her 80s - were struck as they crossed Station Road, Strood, shortly after noon on Sunday.

They were hit by a Seat Ibiza car being driven by an 18-year-old man from Chatham.

Police confirmed the older woman died at the scene. The second woman was airlifted to the Royal London Hospital where she later died from her injuries.

No arrests have been made.

Floral tributes have been left on a traffic island in Station Road.

Strood North councillor Stephen Hubbard called for an urgent road safety review to be carried out.

He said: "Over the years there have been a fair number of accidents at the bend on Station Road, Strood, by the junction of Evelyn Close."

"When Evelyn Close was built in the mid 1990s a pedestrian refuge was installed in Station Road - this did allow for a greater level of safety when crossing the road."

"However we should remind ourselves that until Evelyn Close was built there was no pedestrian demand to cross Station Road at this point."

"The council, as the highways authority, needs to urgently review road safety in Station Road."

"In my view traffic migration measures need to be considered - speed bumps, chicanes, road markings, a 20mph speed limit or flashing speed signs."

A police spokesman said: "Officers from the serious collision investigation unit are appealing for any witnesses to the collision itself, or anyone who may have seen the Seat in the area prior to the collision, to contact them on 01622 798535 with any information."

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## Green Flag delight for three parks

HILLYFIELDS community park has picked up a Green Flag award – the kite-mark for the country's best parks and green spaces.

The Gillingham park received the title in recognition of its new play area.

The Vines in Rochester and Riverside country park in Gillingham have also retained their Green Flag awards for the second year running.

Medway Council's community services chief Cllr Howard Doe said: "I am delighted these three open spaces have received this national accolade."

## Free summer fun

FREE artistic workshops will be held at Hempstead Valley during the school holidays.

The two-week programme includes pirates and mermaids and jungle themes, giving youngsters the chance to make hats and masks.

Spokeswoman Su Button said: "This year more than ever we felt it was important to provide free events for families and will be holding interactive workshops for children of all ages."

The workshops will run from Monday, August 3 to Friday August 14 from 11am to 1pm, and 2pm to 4pm daily.

## Heritage cash fund

PROJECTS that support the preservation and promotion of Chatham's world heritage status are being invited to apply for a small grants fund.

A pot of £2,250 is available, with organisations able to apply for a maximum of £750. To submit an idea, groups should send in a brief summary (300 words maximum), answering questions at [www.chathamworldheritage.co.uk](http://www.chathamworldheritage.co.uk).

Summaries should be sent to either [chathamworldheritage@medway.gov.uk](mailto:chathamworldheritage@medway.gov.uk) or Joanne Cable, Chatham World Heritage, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, ME4 4TR.

The deadline is Friday, August 7.

## Novelist's display

THE life and works of romantic novelist Lena Kennedy will be the subject of a display at Hoo library.

Mrs Kennedy, who is buried at Cliffe, enjoyed a successful career despite only taking up writing in her 50s.

After having her first book published at the age of 64, she went on to release 16 best-sellers before her death in 1986. Her daughter, Angela Smith, will open the display at 1pm on Saturday.

For more details, call 01634 250640.

# Force takes rap on knuckles in Kingsnorth policing report

■ BY JENNA PUDELEK

KENT Police's blanket use of stop and search powers during the Kingsnorth climate camp protest has been called "disproportionate and counter-productive".

The criticism was made in South Yorkshire police's in-depth report into the force's handling of the week-long demonstration at the Hoo ena-plant in August last year.

The report states: "The widespread deployment of stop and search tactics ... was disproportionate and counter-productive" and illustrated "the risk that stems from an absence of a tactical plan and demonstrable lack of strategic clarity".

South Yorkshire's review was published along with another inquiry by the National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA).

Both reports criticise the use of stop and search, the "command confusion" and question officers' knowledge of public order legislation.

Campaigners from the Climate Camp for Action, which organised the demonstration, said



**FACE OFF:** Climate camp protestors and police in 2008

the report was a "whitewash" and failed to address the real problems, which they see as the heavy-handed policing.

Sarah Horne, of the climate camp's legal team, said: "The report does contain some mild criticism of Kent Police and suggests they could have done better at assessing the situation before launching such a massive operation."

"This is an enormous understatement. The camp represented no threat to the public. Despite this, Kent Police ran a huge, over-the-top operation involving thousands of stops and searches, confiscations, violence and harassment against a legal protest."

Assistant Chief Constable Andy Adams said:

"We have accepted the recommendations. We are as keen as anyone to learn lessons from what we do, take them forward and make sure they are implemented. Some we are already doing. On the July 4 protest at Kingsnorth we made extensive use of the conflict management model and policed that proportionately to the threat and the risk. We did not use stop and search powers."

After the climate camp, Kent Police faced criticism of their handling of the protest, including allegations of aggression, intimidation and the use of sleep-deprivation tactics such as playing loud music through the night.

The force also issued an apology after a national newspaper investigation found officers had put journalists under surveillance.

They also admitted it had been a mistake to blast out a message from a low-flying helicopter at a group, including families, saying if they did not disperse horses, dogs and long-handled batons would be "used against them".

Mr Adams said: "We have to make it clear that with Kingsnorth the majority were perfectly law abiding members of the community who wanted to lawfully protest."



## WE'RE RIGHT AT HOME

The cast of this year's Central Theatre Christmas pantomime came together for the first time, putting on an intimate preview of their production of Aladdin.

Former EastEnders favourite Shaun Williamson was the star turn during the Chatham theatre's teaser show.

He was joined by CBeebies' Mister Maker, aka Medway-born Phil Gallagher; actresses Natalie Cleverley and Claire Huckle; and actor Paul Burling. Star Trek favourite George 'Mr Sulu' Takei – who will play the Emperor of China – was unable to beam down for the preview but will arrive from Los Angeles later this year for rehearsals.

Maidstone-born Mr Williamson, pictured, left, with Phil Gallagher, was delighted to be playing Chatham again: "It's great to be back because I was here five years ago in Cinderella and three years ago in Oliver! I was the fattest Fagin ever," he joked. "I love the stage here, it's so intimate. The crowd is right

on top of you and it makes for a great atmosphere." Mr Williamson, who lives near Faversham, said he couldn't wait to meet 'Mr Sulu': "I'm relishing the chance to work with George Takei and Phil," he said. "With an original member of the Star Trek crew, myself from EastEnders and Phil from CBeebies, there's something for everyone. George is a legend and I can't wait to meet him."

Gills season ticket holder Mr Gallagher said: "I'm excited to be part of such a great cast – although not as excited as my family who it seems have bought around 200 tickets! It's a dream to be playing my home theatre. I hope CBeebies viewers and their parents come along and enjoy the show."

Aladdin runs from December 11 to January 3. Tickets start at £12.50 for adults and £8.50 for children, with group offers and early booking discounts available. Call 01634 338338 or visit [www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking](http://www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking).



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**BURNT OUT:** The remains of the destroyed cab after the arson attack at Ardula's lorry park in Laddingford

# Haulage firm firebombed in second attack

A LONE arsonist who firebombed a haulage company twice in a week is being hunted by police.

More than £36,000 of damage was caused when the pyromaniac broke into Ardula's premises in Laddingford and Chatham and hurled petrol bombs inside two vehicles.

Company owner Martin Dace – who is offering a £5,000 reward to catch the culprit – said he accepted someone had a vendetta against the firm, although he had no idea who it could be or why they would target him.

He has ruled out the involvement of environmental activists, instead reluctantly believing it could be a rival business.

Mr Dace, who set up the company in 1993, said: "At first we thought it might be someone with a grudge, but also thought it might just be some lunatic arsonist and we might just have been unlucky. But after the second attack we have to admit that it looks as if someone has a vendetta."

"We didn't think we had any enemies, either in business or the local community."

The first attack happened in the company's lorry park in Gravelly Ways, Laddingford, on July 2, followed by another attack in the company's other yard in Street End Road, Chatham, exactly a week later.

■ BY EMILY HALL

The first bomb was thrown inside the cab of one of Ardula's HGVs between 11pm and 12.20am, completely destroying it and damaging four other lorries.

The second was thrown into the cab of a Caterpillar bulldozer between 5pm on July 9 and 6.45am the following day.

Nearby Yalding villagers have long protested about lorries plaguing their streets and Ardula is one of the companies said to have been responsible for a torrent of HGVs using unsuitable roads.

Yalding Parish Council has campaigned for more than a decade to get a weight limit imposed in the village to no avail, but Mr Dace said he had ruled out an environmentalist being responsible.

He added: "I can't believe an environmental extremist would do this. I'm actually in support of a ban on lorries through Yalding village centre and if it's put in place that's fine with me."

"The reason I decided to put up the reward is that the attack in Chatham was right by a busy road and if anyone had been walking nearby they could have been hurt and there are also houses on the other side of the road."

"This person needs to be caught."

## Charity offers river trips to remember

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KOS Media's Julie Maddocks joined the crew for a trip through some of the county's finest countryside.

She spoke to the charity's spokesman, who said: "We get a great deal of pleasure from taking people out on the river. It's a great day out."

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Thugs jailed for attack

FOUR jobs have been jailed for a cowardly Christmas Day assault which left a teenage boy with severe head injuries.

Brothers Joe and Ben Potter, 21 and 18, Gary Davis, 21, and Jonathan Moley, 21, attacked 19-year-old Craig Appleton as he walked along Duncan Road, Gillingham.

He is still receiving treatment for long-term injuries.

The Potters and Davis pleaded guilty to grievous bodily harm with intent while Moley admitted violent disorder.

Joe Potter, of Leeds Square, Twydall, was sentenced to six years' imprisonment. Ben Potter, of the same address, received a sentence of four years and eight months to be served in a young offender's institute.

Davis, of Allington Road, Gillingham, also received six years in jail while Moley, of Beechings Way, Gillingham, was given 12 months.

## Ross will sign kids' book

FORMER soap hardman Ross Kemp is set to visit Bluewater to sign copies of his first book for children.

The ex-EastEnders will be at Waterstone's from noon on Saturday, August 8, to promote Ganglands: Brazil.

Store assistant manager Andrea Warner said: "We're really looking forward to this signing. Ross is a much-loved and well-respected TV star and author, and it's exciting to be welcoming him for his children's book – the first of a series that is sure to be enormously popular."

## Crematorium celebrates

MEDWAY Crematorium held an outdoor service to mark its 50th anniversary.

The bereaved were invited to attend the celebration event, led by a Medway minister with support from the Salvation Army.

At the end of the service a flock of white doves were released as a symbol of faith, peace and love.

The event raised more than £450 for Macmillan Nurses and the British Heart Foundation's Medway Echo appeal, raising funds to buy a portable ultrasound unit that will be used at Medway Maritime Hospital and outreach clinics in the community.

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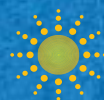
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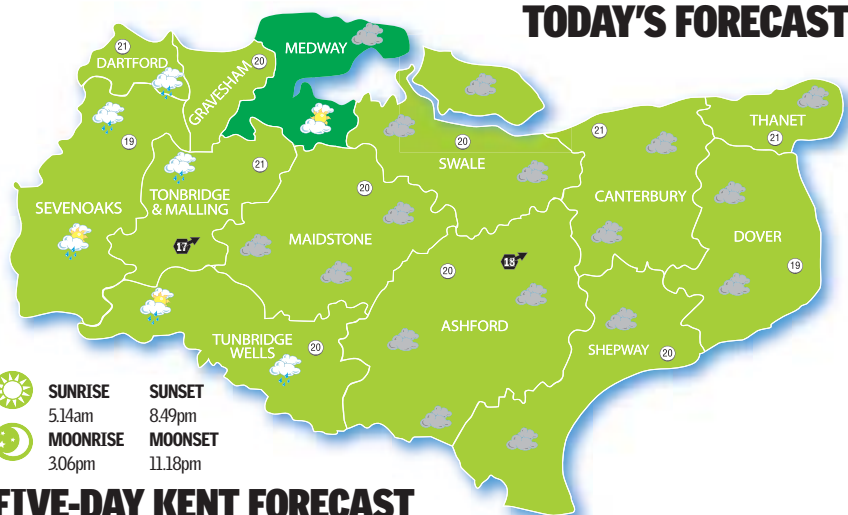
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	Sunday	11:05am	4.9m
Dover	Saturday	8:26am	5.3m
	Sunday	9:34am	5.5m
Dungeness	Saturday	8:06am	5.9m
	Sunday	9:11am	6.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	8:56am	4.0m
	Sunday	10:04am	4.2m
Sheerness	Saturday	9:37am	4.7m
	Sunday	10:53am	4.8m
Whitstable	Saturday	9:34am	4.4m
	Sunday	10:51am	4.5m

## AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	21°C	Madrid	34°C
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Beijing	28°C	Rome	30°C
Bombay	30°C	Sydney	16°C
Cape Town	25°C	Tenerife	31°C
Cardiff	16°C	Tokyo	29°C
Gibraltar	30°C	Vancouver	24°C
Hong Kong	31°C	Warsaw	21°C
Las Palmas	28°C	Wellington	8°C

## Partnership installs safety fence in bid to keep thugs out

TRoublesome teens have been targeted by police, working alongside Medway Council and English Heritage Trust officials.



**SAFETY FIRST:** Medway PCSO Dan Garfield

The multi-agency partnership came together after residents complained that yobs were climbing into wooded area in St Margaret's Street, Rochester, and throwing stones at cars and houses below.

Metal fencing has subsequently been installed in the road, near Queen Mother Court.

PCSO Dan Garfield said: "We received reports that young people were regularly climbing through the wooded areas and throwing stones onto the cars and houses below, causing significant damage."

"This was obviously a major concern for local residents who were regularly experiencing this anti-social behaviour and there was also the very real concern that one of these people would fall and seriously injure themselves."

PCSO Garfield worked with Medway Council and The English Heritage Trust to install the fencing as a safety precaution.

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Canterbury	21°C	21°C	20°C	21°C	22°C	Maidstone	20°C	20°C	20°C	21°C	22°C
Chatham	21°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	20°C	Ramsgate	21°C	21°C	20°C	21°C	22°C
Dartford	23°C	21°C	21°C	21°C	22°C	Rochester	21°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	20°C
Dover	18°C	19°C	19°C	19°C	20°C	Sevenoaks	19°C	19°C	18°C	19°C	20°C
Faversham	21°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	20°C	Sittingbourne	21°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	20°C
Folkestone	18°C	19°C	19°C	19°C	20°C	Tonbridge	20°C	20°C	19°C	20°C	21°C
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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### JONATHAN VINCENT



**Q** Can you tell us a little about yourself?

**A** I was born in Hastings before moving to Kent and being educated at Maidstone Grammar School.

In 1992 I completed a music degree at Goldsmiths' College.

My work background has consisted of various positions including percussion teacher for the Kent Music School, and music technology teacher for Mid-Kent College.

I'm currently an A-level senior examiner, freelance media composer and, of course, lecturer at the University of Kent.

**Q** What does your role at the University of Kent involve?

**A** I run six subject modules, most of which are based around music production, sound recording and media composition.

I also run the Universities at Medway Big Band.

**Q** Music technology is said to be a science rather than an arts degree. How would you describe the subject?

**A** Music technology is often regarded as an arts-type degree but, unlike the BAs at other universities, there are essential science-based foundations in our BSc that underpin the creativity of students on the course. So as well as learning about recording and produc-

tion techniques, students learn about both the science and theory of sound and music.

**Q** What types of careers are you training your students to go into?

**A** Any position within the media industry that requires elements of capture, composition, editing and production of sound and music. Our students could go on to work as sound engineers, music producers, sound designers, music editors, audio applications designers and so on – there are many options.

**Q** What is the best part of your job ... and the hardest?

**A** The best part of my job is listening to a student's work and realising that they've taken on board what you've taught. I'm often pleasantly surprised to hear what students come up with.

The hardest part is working through the mountain of marking that accumulates at the end of each term!

**Q** What instruments do you play?

**A** I'm a bit of a jack of all trades so (from proficient to absolute beginner) I play keyboards, drums and percussion, vocals, saxophone, bass, guitar, various flutes and pipes and, most recently, harmonica.

**Q** What is your proudest achievement to date?

**A** I'm lucky to have had a few, but one that springs to mind is writing and presenting a series called The Music Studio for the BBC World Service.

**Q** What do you think are the key strengths of the Medway campus?

**A** I really like the way the old meets the new. The library and Pilkington buildings have undergone really sympathetic conversions, and the modern Medway and Gillingham buildings complement them very well.

Now the campus is maturing, it's nice to feel that there is a real buzz of activity and the sense of exciting things happening.

**Q** Tell us something most people don't know about you.

**A** I got a Blue Peter badge for being filmed giving a drum lesson (I can't bring myself to use it to get into a theme park free though).

**Q** Who are the greatest group of all time?

**A** I couldn't possibly narrow things down that far but how about one group from each decade? 60s - The Beatles, 70s - Genesis, 80s - Queen, 90s - Brand New Heavies, 00s - The Feeling.

Q&A

The music technology lecturer at the University of Kent's Medway Campus spoke to Laurence Mozafari about the science behind the course, about the university – and about his cherished Blue Peter badge

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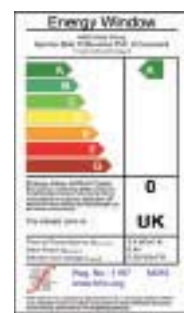
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# Cancer charity wants our readers to kick-start £8m fund-raiser

## Search is on to find the owner of the county's Ugliest Mug

A CHARITY has today launched a hunt for the Ugliest Mug in Kent to kick-start one of the biggest fund-raising events in Britain.

But before you take offence and start arguing the virtues of inner beauty – they're not interested in your faces.

Macmillan Cancer Support wants to find the most quirky or bizarre drinking mug in the county.

For the Ugly Mug Amnesty, which it is launching today backed by KOS Media, it wants you to dig out old mugs lurking at the back of your cupboards or being used to hold toothbrushes in the bathroom.

When you've found your Ugliest Mug, take a photo of you holding it by your face and email it to the address at the end of this story.

Also make sure you tell us if it has an interesting history or funny story behind how it

■ BY JON COATES

came into your possession. Every week we'll choose an Ugly Mug of the Week, which we'll put on our websites.

So try to make sure we can see the mug clearly in your photo and include your name, age, address, job and contact details.

### Encouraged

Then a week before Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday, September 25, we'll choose and publish the winner of the Ugly Mug Amnesty.

The winner will receive a World's Biggest Coffee Morning Mug from Macmillan Cancer Support and a £50 Coffee Gift Set from KOS Media.

Laura Thornton, Macmillan Cancer Support's fund-raising manager for Kent, said:



GETTING THE MESSAGE ACROSS: Nurse Josie Richards (left), and radiographers Brenda Manktelow (right) and Steve Dann (centre), who all work for Macmillan, helped launch the Ugly Mug Amnesty and The World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

"An Ugly Mug Amnesty has never been done before, but everyone has a mug lurking at the back of their cupboard with a story behind it.

"We want to ask people to send in pictures of their mugs and tell us the history behind them."

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's flagship fund-raiser.

Now in its 19th year, it has become one of the biggest fund-raising events in Britain along with Children in Need and Red Nose Day.

Macmillan asks the public to host or attend a coffee morning, with all donations going directly to those affected by cancer.

Supporters are encouraged to visit [www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee) to register and pick up fund-raising tips, or call 0845 602 1246. Make sure you enter the code RNA 10 so Macmillan know you are a KOS Media reader.

Last year the World's Biggest Coffee Morning raised £7.5 million and the target this year is more than £8m nationwide.

But we are calling on all our readers to help make Kent the biggest fund-raiser in the country. We'll be holding a coffee morning for staff on September 25 and urge businesses across the county to join in too.

Macmillan has 120 health professionals active across Kent helping patients and their families deal with cancer.

Their support means people do not have to face harrowing ordeals on their own.

All entries into the Ugly Mug Amnesty must be received by Friday, September 11, with the winner announced in the Wednesday, September 16 papers.

But you don't have to wait till then – get your entries in to be crowned Ugly Mug of the Week and see yourself on our websites.

Send your entries by post to Jon Coates, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, TN25 6SR, or email them to [jon.coates@kos-media.co.uk](mailto:jon.coates@kos-media.co.uk).

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# Regulator tells water firms to drop prices

WATER companies in Kent could be forced to slash bills by as much as ten per cent over the next five years.

The industry regulator Ofwat published its draft responses to firms' business plans last week, with all five providing water and sewerage services in Kent told to either cut or freeze the amount they expect customers to pay.

Homeowners served by South East Water could see their bills go down by an average of six per cent by 2015 – or from £170 to £160 – compared with the £48 increase proposed by the company.

The draft response also calls for Southern Water bills to go down by an average of two

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

per cent to £373 (£426 proposed), while customers served by Veolia Water Southeast – formerly Folkestone and Dover Water – could see reductions of ten per cent, down to £177 (£226 proposed).

All calculations are before inflation.

## Draft

Karen Gibbs, the Consumer Council for Water's policy manager for London and the South East, welcomed Ofwat's recommendations.

She said: "It looks like good news for customers. Ofwat appears to be saying the compa-

**DROP IN THE BUCKET:** Water industry regulator Ofwat has told companies their planned price hikes are unacceptable

nies can deliver good services without having to increase bills as much as proposed in their business plans.

"Now the companies and the CCW will have to look at where Ofwat has challenged investment proposals to see how that will impact on services and whether it will alter the amount spent on what customers see as priority areas.

"This is the first time the CCW has been involved in price setting and we were aware huge price increases would not be welcome in the current economic climate."

Four of Kent's five water companies released statements on Thursday saying they had noted Ofwat's draft response and would consider its views ahead of a final decision in November.

But Thames Water reacted angrily to the report. The company wanted to increase its average bills by 17 per cent to £356 by 2015 but has instead been asked to keep them stable.

Chief executive David Owens said: "Initial indications suggest the draft may not allow us to deliver what customers want.

"For example, this means we won't be able to reduce leakage at all over the next five years."

Ofwat chief executive Regina Finn said: "We understand times are hard and have listened to customers. They want a safe, reliable water supply at reasonable cost.

"Our decisions allow efficient, well-run companies to invest in the right place at the right time for the right price."



ON THE RUN: Nigel (left) and Adam, with Natalie Court of Cancer Research UK

## Michelle's friends are going the extra mile

TWO friends have pledged to run 10k to help a friend battling cancer for the third time.

Adam Dudley and Nigel Scott will tackle the Leeds Castle 10k run in September in support of Michelle Borrett, who was diagnosed with skin cancer 18 years ago.

Michelle, 38, who lives near the pair in Walderslade, had a cancerous mole removed when she was 20.

After being told the cancer hadn't spread, she went on to marry Gary and

have a daughter, Grace, now eight, but in spring 2005 Michelle found a lump in her groin and investigations revealed the cancer had returned.

Despite surgery to remove 22 lymph nodes, Michelle has now been told the cancer has spread to her brain and the future looks uncertain.

The two friends – who admit they are not natural-born runners – will run the Cancer Research UK event on Sunday, September 27, in the picturesque grounds of the castle, near Maidstone.

Adam, 43, an IT support analyst, said: "I admit I'm not the most active person. Training for the 10k is the first real exercise I've undertaken in more than ten years, which goes some way to showing how important this is to me."

Cancer Research UK's Run 10k is one of a series of 43 fundraising events in the UK this autumn. It is hoped 2,000 participants will enter the Maidstone event to hit the fundraising target of £138,654. To sponsor Adam or Nigel, visit [www.run10kspansorme.org/adamdudley](http://www.run10kspansorme.org/adamdudley).

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## Pupils focus on diversity with film premiere



**CLUBBING TOGETHER:** Youngsters at Luton Junior School have made a film celebrating the different cultures which their community embraces

**BUDDING** directors at an after-school club rolled out the red carpet for the premiere of their first film.

The Luton Junior School youngsters spent the past five months working with Medway historian and filmmaker Gary Wimble to make a video celebrating the Chatham community and different cultures that live in the area.

The far-reaching film was funded by £3,000 of Medway Council Extended Schools Team cash and co-ordinated by the council's youth inclusion support panel worker Michael Camp, key worker Izabella Symkowska, and the school's deputy head teacher Carole Juniper.

Michael said: "The children have supported the after-school club and have put in such a lot of hard work to get this film off the ground."

"The idea first originated a year ago and a committee of eight pupils researched what

■ BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

their peers wanted to do with the money and the clubs were born.

"The Youth Inclusion Support Panel (YISP) is designed to support young people who are at risk of being involved in crime or anti-social behaviour and as part of that goal, provide positive activities to divert youngsters from hanging around on street corners. Luton was targeted as a school that has a large cultural mix.

"The school has been brilliant and supported everything we have done and enabled the pupils to have some well thought of clubs to pass away some of their spare time.

Carole Juniper added: "It has provided an opportunity for all of our children to access after-school activities and for us as a school to work with outside agencies to promote a community atmosphere."

The club has grown in size since it was set up in February and more than 70 children now attend each week.

### BREAK TIME



**MESSAGE:** DCI Andy Pritchard, left, and Superintendent Des Keers, right, with pupils from Robert Napier School

## Students tell dramatic story to their peers

**DRAMA** pupils have recorded a series of hard-hitting presentations highlighting child protection issues.

The Rainham Mark Grammar School and Robert Napier School youngsters worked with police to write, perform and film three short plays dealing with a range of sensitive topics, ranging from Internet grooming to the Baby P case.

Detective Constable Ally Smith of Kent police's child abuse investigation unit in Medway said the films will now be shown in schools across the towns.

DC Smith said: "The young people have worked hard to deliver impactful dramas on a very sensitive subject.

"They should be praised for their efforts."

Rainham Mark's head of performing arts Steve Mount said: "It's been good for the kids to work with DC Smith.

"Working with people outside of school is really important to get them used to interacting with professionals in other areas."

Robert Napier School's head of drama Claire Cuell added: "It's a fantastic opportunity for the children to film these projects. Working with the police has helped develop the plays and make them more realistic.

"It's also valuable for the students to understand there are many different agencies who can support victims of all kinds of neglect."



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## People don't appreciate what they've got living in the towns

IT MAY not be everyone's dream place, but I am proud to call Medway my home.

I have lived in some beautiful and exciting parts of the country. From the lush green Welsh borders to the sandy South West coast. Then on to trendy Brighton and the buzz of London. Eventually due to work, I ended up here, in Medway.

When people ask where I am originally from, they often raise their eyebrows at me and ask almost accusingly why I moved here.

It is as though I have committed a deadly crime for leaving all those seemingly preferable places. I have lost count of the times I have heard people say, "this is Medway after all" in reference to some unsavoury character or event, which let's face it, exists somewhere in most communities.

I'm not blind or naive, I know Medway is home to some "colourful characters", but I

like their straight talking and lack of pretension, at least you know what you see is what you get.

I have witnessed several alcohol-fuelled incidents where the police were called in right outside my house, but call me strange, unlike my grumbling neighbours, I found it all quite exciting. Who needs a TV when you have live, action-packed entertainment on your doorstep?

I have also heard a lot of people complain about the growing number of immigrants in Medway. However, I see a multi-cultural community as a positive thing. I think we can learn a lot from each other's cultural differences and believe the more we do, the less "foreign" and threatening other people become.

A lot of those born and bred in Medway seem to take for granted all it has to offer. I love that feeling of stepping back into Dickens' time when I stroll along cobbled Rochester High Street. A fresh brew in a quaint tea-room with views over the cathedral and castle finish off

an afternoon perfectly. My dogs enjoy a run along the unspoilt Great Lines, while I enjoy the panoramic views of Chatham and Rochester, absolutely stunning at twilight.

Medway is also in a great location. A short drive and you are in the retail heaven of Bluewater. A West End show in our country's capital is just a train journey away. And let us not forget the beautiful Kent countryside, rightly called The Garden of England, where there is so much to explore.

Finally, all the developing transport links and sports and leisure facilities for the 2012 Olympics will continue to benefit the whole community.

So whenever I hear people moaning about Medway, I defend it for all these reasons and am very proud to call it my home.

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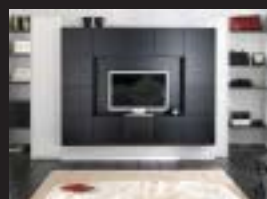
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## TALK TIME

### ALAN WHIPPY

The Medway Film Makers founder member talks about the club, its work and how any would-be new members can get involved.



#### Tell us about the club

We are a small but dedicated and enthusiastic group of film makers. Our mission statement sounds a bit grand; to promote education, skills and knowledge in filmmaking. We do all that in a friendly and humorous way. We do have lots of skills like advanced film editing, including chroma key, so if you don't know what that is then perhaps you should join us and find out.

Our members make films of all sorts, from dramas and documentaries to one-minute short comedies and help each other edit family and holiday footage. We also have regular 'in club' competitions. Some of our members enter their films in national and international competitions. We have achieved a respectable collection of gold and silver awards together with many commendation certificates.

#### How would a new member get involved?

We meet at Davis Estate Community Centre, Chatham every second Thursday. If you are over 16 years and interested in learning film making, or extending your skills and joining filming projects then why not come and see us. You get two free evenings as a guest then you are invited to join. Our evenings are devoted to a programme to extend our knowledge and skills, plus of course, tea and biscuits and socialising.

Don't be shy about coming we are friendly housed-trained and don't bite. For more information on Medway Film Makers visit [www.medwaycamcorder.co.uk](http://www.medwaycamcorder.co.uk).

## YOUR LETTERS



### Scrap the Capstone Valley development

A group of landowners have defended their controversial plans to build 9,000 plus homes on Capstone Valley and accuse Medway politicians and councillors of scaremongering. Of course they do, they are wealthy businessmen, known as Medway Magna Ltd.

The Government doesn't want it to happen, the council doesn't want it to happen and the people don't want it to happen. Twice it has been turned down, so why try again?

Perhaps these wealthy businessmen want to become even wealthier? The Medway Magna planning consultant Graham Warren says their proposal would prove beneficial to Medway residents but he doesn't say how it will be beneficial. He says the politicians are scaremongering by saying they are going to concrete over Capstone Valley. Well, aren't they? They want to build 9,000 plus homes, which will have to have spaces to park cars, they want to build businesses, a school, health facilities and so on, and of course numerous roads. Don't they have to concrete first to build all these facilities? As for reducing congestion, with 9,000 plus homes you are looking at another 15,000 cars plus commercial vehicles on



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ties and so on, and of course numerous roads. Don't they have to concrete first to build all these facilities? As for reducing congestion, with 9,000 plus homes you are looking at another 15,000 cars plus commercial vehicles on

the already over-crowded roads in Medway. What does he mean that the development would give Medway a reputation for something quite special? Also, have we got enough gas, electricity and water in Medway? Will there

have to be another reservoir built? The whole idea should be scrapped.

Peter Nassan, Chatham, by letter

### What tutoring is teaching us about our education system

It is not just the fact that children in our country are being taught to read by the age of five that is worrying me. It is the fact that they are being taught to read by the age of five that is worrying me. It is the fact that they are being taught to read by the age of five that is worrying me.

### What are kids doing in school?

I read the blog on tutoring by Gary Wright with interest and I feel I should address a couple of points. Firstly, he's worried about the safety of tutors. I can inform him that they have recently been asked to cough up £64 for a registration scheme that includes police checks.

However, what guarantee of security is that? All it proves is that the person hasn't been caught yet. The best way to make sure your child is safe is not to treat the tutor like a glorified babysitter, but to make sure you are present or at least within earshot for your child's lessons. Secondly, he seems to feel that there are parents who use tutors as a substitute for spending time with their children.

In my experience, this is not true, the parents who make the sacrifices to pay for a tutor care deeply about their offspring. I do agree though, that the level of private tuition is a damning indictment of the education system. It's got to the point where I wonder what on earth kids do in school all day.

Caroline Brown, Rochester, by email



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## Duped by politician at Hempstead Valley

Today while shopping at Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre I was approached by who I now believe to be Rehman Chishti and asked to pose for a photograph to promote a campaign to crack down on underage sales. At no point did he introduce himself and say what party he stood for, it was only while driving home that I thought that it might have been him.

I am completely opposed to his political views and do not approve of his underhand tactics to exploit members of the public for photo opportunities. I request that any photograph taken at Hempstead Valley with me in it is not published in any publications, leaflets or websites.

Christina Hall, Gillingham, by email



## 13th McFly gig was definitely best yet

Best McFly gig I have ever been to!

I have been to 12 gigs and this one was the best. I waited from 8am in the morning, and it was worth it. I love McFly.

Emma, Surrey, comment posted at [www.yourmedway.co.uk](http://www.yourmedway.co.uk)

## Outdoors with McFly was extra special

McFly were amazing as always. But it seemed that more special due to the fact that it was outdoors and at such a small venue. I spent all afternoon there and all the staff were lovely. I highly recommend going to any castle concert next year.

Jeni, Christchurch, Dorset, comment posted at [www.yourmedway.co.uk](http://www.yourmedway.co.uk)

## Just call me Osama in La La Land Kent

Is there some kind of collective insanity in the Kent force? Too tall? Whatever next. Wearing a loud shirt in the hours of darkness?

Being over six feet and owning a camera I shall now consider myself Osama Bin Laden and hand myself in at the nearest loony police station when I'm next in the La La Land of Kent.

Your police have made Kent a national joke. Well done to PCSO stupid.

Ethan, Essex, comment posted on [www.yourmedway.co.uk](http://www.yourmedway.co.uk)

## Officers were just doing their job

I write in regards to your article concerning the arrest of amateur photographer Alex Turner. With regard to this specific incident there was a need to establish the identity of the man in question, whose behaviour had caused concern and who, when asked, had refused to provide his details.

Once officers had established that no offences had been committed Mr Turner was allowed on his way. However following a complaint made by Mr Turner, the circumstances of this incident were voluntarily referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission, who agreed that Kent Police's Professional Standards department should investigate.

We are in contact with Mr Turner and will keep him updated as to the findings of the investigation. However I wish to make absolutely clear that my officers were placed in a situation where I truly believe the vast majority of the public would expect them to find out what the circumstances were, not least when Mr Turner's behaviour had generated suspicion with local council employees and he had refused to reveal his identity. Police in Medway are here to ensure everyone's safety and on occasions we have to ask members of the public to provide personal details and explain their actions.

Chief Superintendent Steve Corbishley, Area Commander for Medway, by email

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# Star line-up for festival

Even the organisers can't believe their luck as Gary Numan and The Blackout prepare to rock the front

## HEVY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 1  
Folkestone seafont

TOP names in alternative music will head for the seaside this weekend for the first Hevy Music Festival.

Feeder, Ash, Gary Numan (left), Hundred Reasons, Attack! Attack!, Sonic Boom Six and In Case Of Fire are just some of the artists who will rock Folkestone seafont on Saturday.

The second stage, organised in association with Sonic Heights, will feature a dream line-up of bands for anyone who loves rock.

The Blackout have also been added to the line-up, which is exciting news for music fans as the six-piece from Merthyr Tydfil are one of the biggest up-and-coming bands around.

James Dutton, co-founder of Hevy, said: "The band are touring in the US at the moment before flying back to headline a stage at Reading and Leeds, and now they're coming to Kent for the Hevy Music Festival," he said. "These guys are huge."

Kerrang Award nominees The Ghost Of A Thousand have been named one of the top five metal bands in Q Magazine. They will be appearing alongside After The Ordeal, Cancer Bats, Farewell City, One Day Elliott and The Startover.

Fans can look forward to performances by Amber Room, Eleven: Eleven, LightsGoBlue, Sharks, We Are The Ocean, The Xcerts, Elephants, Kingskin, Mexico Fallz, Heartbreak and More Than Normal.

Mr Dutton revealed how pleased he was to have attracted such a stellar line-up, particularly the King of Synth Pop, Gary Numan.

"Gary Numan is a true living legend and we can't quite believe we've managed to book him for the first-ever Hevy Music Festival. I'm going to be seriously star-struck!" he said.

"We set out to create an Alternative Music Festival for Kent to distinguish ourselves from the other great festival in this corner of the UK. Mr Numan has been credited with



paving the way for the Alternative genre back in 1979 and has directly influenced many of the biggest acts in the world today.

"To have him and his live band performing on our main stage as the sun sets over the ocean is going to be spectacular – we can't wait."

The festival will take place on the site of the former Rotunda vintage amusement park on the seafont, with its stunning views of the English Channel.

Gates open at 1pm and tickets cost £48. Book online at [www.hevy.co.uk](http://www.hevy.co.uk), or buy tickets in person from the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, The Marlowe Theatre box office in Canterbury or the Winter Gardens in Margate.



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## SMUGGLERS

Monday, August 31

Historic Dockyard, Chatham

ADVENTURE on the high seas will be the theme of the Historic Dockyard's family attractions this summer.

Visitors will be plunged into a world of pirates, smugglers and peril on the ocean waves when they arrive at the fascinating heritage site. There will be lots of activities to keep children and adults entertained while they learn about life at sea.

Hear stories of treasure and piracy from Anne Bonny and Calico Jack, a pair of pirates who have taken the helm of the historic 1878 sailing ship, HMS Gannet. Anyone who would like to experience life as a shipmate can try their hand at flag-signalling and brass rubbing, as well as learning about caulking – making sure the ship is watertight.

Landlubbers have plenty to entertain them on dry land such as the Family Fun Trail and weaving their own rigging, as well as admiring the warship collection, Wooden Walls gallery and display of military vehicles.

Family Fun Trails can be downloaded from the website at [www.thedockyard.co.uk](http://www.thedockyard.co.uk). For more information call 01634 823807 or visit the website.



## TUNNEL VISION

Saturday, August 1

Fort Horsted, near Chatham

PAST meets present at Fort Horsted this weekend as an exciting dance event goes underground.

Tunnel Vision is a day and night event that will bring the best of electronic music to Medway, with a fascinating Napoleonic fort as the setting. Music luminaries such as Radio 1's Rob da Bank have named Tunnel Vision one of the country's most original nights.

Saturday's event has been funded with a £2,000 bursary from the Smirnoff Night Vision initiative and has attracted a top line-up of DJs in house, techno, dubstep, breaks, deep house, funk and live electronica. The headline acts are two of the British electronic dance scene's brightest new stars, David E Sugar and Maidstone's own Jim Rivers (pictured).

While the fort's interior will be rocking to the 21st century's most cutting-edge sounds, outside visitors will be transported back to the Napoleonic era with military re-enactments, hog roasts and other historic entertainment.

Tickets are £12 to £15, plus booking fee. Go to [www.clubtickets.com](http://www.clubtickets.com) or call 0870 246 2050. More information about Tunnel Vision can be found on Facebook.



## STEVE BROOKSTEIN

Saturday, August 8

Pizza Express, Maidstone

STEVE Brookstein will be proving that he still has the X-Factor five years on from his landmark win.

After attracting the most votes ever polled in the TV talent show to date, Brookstein was crowned the winner of the series in 2004. His debut single, a cover version of Phil Collins' Against All Odds, went straight to the number one spot and his first album was also a chart-topper.

But despite this early success, Brookstein claimed that the record company would not allow him to release an album of original songs and he decided to go it alone. His second album was not a commercial success, but it received critical acclaim and Brookstein is still entertaining audiences with his warm, soulful voice.

His wife, Eileen Hunter, has recently recorded her debut album which includes a duet with BBC Jazz Award winner Ian Shaw. They will be joining Brookstein at the concert in the Music Room at 7pm.

Tickets cost £20. Book online at [www.pizza-expresslive.co.uk](http://www.pizza-expresslive.co.uk).



## MEDWAY LEISURE

### Art workshops for kids at shopping centre

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For details call 01634 387076 or visit [www.hempsteadvalley.com](http://www.hempsteadvalley.com).

### Opera star and bands performing on marshes

THERE will be music on the marshes when the RSPB's Northward Hill nature reserve hosts two concerts this weekend.

Opera singer Clare Graydon James will perform at 7.30pm on Saturday. Tickets cost £8 for non-members or £5 for members, including a glass of wine.

On Sunday local bands will give an acoustic concert from 4-7pm. Tickets cost £5. To book call 01634 222480 or go to [www.rspb.org.uk/northwardhillevents](http://www.rspb.org.uk/northwardhillevents).

### Be part of the team at the Orchard Theatre

THEATRE fans are invited to become part of the team at the Orchard Theatre in Dartford.

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### Medieval hall plays host to Merchant of Venice

THE Merchant of Venice visits Gravesend next week.

Hazlitt Arts Centre and Changeling Theatre's contemporary production stars Former Hollyoaks star Oliver Farnworth as the lovelorn Lorenzo.

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But whether we are enjoying some sun in the Med or in our back garden we still need to protect ourselves.

Skin cancer is one of the most common cancers in the UK. Right now, around 1,700 people are being treated for malignant melanoma and other skin cancers in the eastern and coastal Kent region.

Most skin cancers are caused by damage from sunburn and could easily be prevented.

1. Apply sunblocks or sunscreens with high sun protection factors (at least factor 15).
2. Take extra care with children – use factor 30 plus. For babies use factor 50 plus.
3. Apply generously and reapply frequently, especially after activities such as swimming or towelling.
4. Wear a wide-brimmed hat to reduce exposure to the face, eyes, head and neck.
5. Limit the amount of time you spend in the sun, particularly between 11am and 3pm.

6. Cover skin with clothing giving good protection - examples are longsleeved shirts and loose clothing with a close weave.
7. Seek shade, but remember sunburn can occur even when in partial shade or when cloudy.
8. Wear wrap-around sunglasses.
9. Remember certain prescribed drugs, medicines, foods, cosmetics and plant materials can also make people more sensitive to sunlight.

## Coping with sunburn

Sunburn is when your skin overheats and becomes red and painful and may later peel or blister.

If you get sunburn:

- Cool the skin down by dabbing it with a cool, wet towel or tissue.
- If really bad, take a quick cold shower.
- Don't go back into the sun until you've healed.
- Drink plenty of fluids to replace the water lost through sweating and to cool down.
- Apply calamine or after-sun lotion.
- For adults, painkillers such as paracetamol or ibuprofen can help relieve pain and reduce swelling.

## Be prepared for a heatwave

IT'S not just the sun that can be our foe as well as our friend. Continued humidity, especially during a heatwave, can be dangerous too.

The heat can affect anyone, but some people run a greater risk of serious harm, especially the very young, older people and those with serious illnesses.

It can make heart and respiratory problems worse and in extreme cases can lead to heat stroke, which can be fatal.

To stay safe:

10. Keep an eye on children, vulnerable friends and neighbours.
11. Keep plenty of water to hand and stay in the shade where possible.
12. Shut and shade windows when it is hotter outside and open them for ventilation when cooler.
13. Avoid doing things that need lots of effort like sport, DIY or gardening.
14. People with serious health problems (for example heart conditions), should avoid going out in the heat, especially between 11am and 3pm.

15. Drink cold drinks like water or fruit juice regularly and avoid tea, coffee and alcohol.

16. Stay tuned to the weather forecast and plan ahead with supplies – think of elderly neighbours who may need help with supplies.

17. Identify the coolest room in the house to cool down or sleep in.

18. People with respiratory problems should stay inside during the hottest part of the day.





# for summer...



## HERE ARE YOUR HEALTH'S TOP 50 TIPS ON HOW TO DO IT SAFELY

### Enjoy your barbeque in safety

WHAT better way to enjoy a balmy evening than some healthy barbecue food with friends?

Just don't become one of the 965 cases of people in east Kent turned up at accident and emergency with food poisoning last year – that doesn't include those who suffered nasty fire-related injuries either!

When you're cooking on a barbecue, make sure you:

19. Place your barbecue on a level surface, away from plants and trees.
20. Cover the bottom of your barbecue with coal to a depth of no more than 5cm (2in).
21. Use only recognised firelighters or starter fuel, and then only on cold coals.
22. Wait until coals are glowing red with a powdery grey surface before you start cooking.
23. Wash your hands every time you touch raw meat and keep it separate from other foods.
24. Properly thaw frozen meat before you cook it.
25. Turn meat regularly and move it around the barbecue to cook it evenly.
26. Remember that meat is safe to eat only when it is piping hot in the centre, there is no pink meat visible and the juices are clear.
27. Keep prepared food in the fridge wherever possible and don't leave it out in the sun.

### Avoid bringing back the worst kind of souvenir

A sexually transmitted infection (STI) or unintended pregnancy can be the worst kind of souvenir to bring home. Last year, more than 2,500 sexually transmitted infections were diagnosed in east Kent genitourinary medicine clinics.

28. Always buy a pack of condoms in addition to your normal contraceptive.
29. Vomiting, diarrhoea, and some medicines, including some antibiotics and some anti-malaria drugs can make the contraceptive pill and some contraceptive implants less effective so always use a condom to help protect against pregnancy and STIs.
30. Only buy condoms with the CE mark on the packet.
31. Keep condoms away from oil-based products such as suntan lotion, baby oil and lipstick.
32. Store condoms in a cool, dry place.

\* For more help and advice on safer sex, visit your pharmacist, call Sexual Health Direct on 0845 122 8690 or go to [www.condomessentialwear.co.uk](http://www.condomessentialwear.co.uk)

### A real stinger

For most people, stings and bites from insects are painful but harmless. However, if you also experience symptoms anywhere else you may be having an allergic reaction and should seek emergency medical treatment.

33. Remove the sting as soon as possible with your fingers or tweezers.
34. Bee stings have a poisonous sac so take care not to puncture it as you remove the sting.
35. Wash the area with soap and water.
36. Put a cold flannel on the area.
37. Raise the part of the body that has been stung or bitten to prevent swelling.
38. Use a spray, or cream, containing local anaesthetic or antihistamine on the affected area to help prevent itching and swelling.
39. Take painkillers, such as paracetamol (if the sting or bite is very painful).
40. Don't scratch the area, as it may become infected.
41. Consult your GP if redness and itching does not clear up after 48 hours.

### Have fun outdoors in safety

Summer is a great time for children to get out and experience the world around them. You do need to be aware of safety issues, but this isn't a reason to stop children enjoying activities.

42. Nominate a responsible adult to supervise the children at parties and barbecues.
43. Make sure one adult stays sober to supervise the children.
44. Ask hosts to place medicines and cleaning products out of sight and out of reach.
45. Check the garden regularly for potential hazards, such as tools, ponds or water butts.
46. If children are around barbecues, watch that they don't get too close to hot surfaces.
47. Protect your child from the sun.
48. Be safe around water with your child.
49. Consider taking a first aid course.
50. Follow all these simple steps and you be guaranteed a fun and action-packed summer in the sun.

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

### HEADSHRINKERS OF THE AMAZON FIVE SUPERSIZERS, ANCIENT ROME

BBC Two, 12.20am, Friday

FIVE upped the stakes with Channel 4 in the ever-more-provocative and outrageous programme titles race with its Thursday night offering – Headshrinkers of the Amazon.

Reporter Piers Gibbon found himself in a remote Ecuadorian village in search of shamen, with the possibility that his own brain would come back reduced, rather than enlightened, by the experience.

Fortunately, and perhaps unsurprisingly, he escaped unscathed and the Shuar villagers seemed more than welcoming, no doubt not used to having too many Western visitors these days.

The most disturbing part of it all was archive footage by a Polish explorer, Edmundo Bielawski, of an apparent head-shrinking ritual in motion, which was the cause for Gibbon's foray into the rainforest.

Perhaps this is how people who tune into rolling news coverage feel? The 1960s flickering images from the old film added to the eeriness of it all.

The programme later unravels the continuing black market trade in 'tsantsas' or officially shrunk head collectibles, all rather gruesome but nevertheless watchable.

The most poignant moment came when Gibbon met the widow of a man who disappeared after criticising the shamen's ritual, never to be seen again.

Definitely thought-provoking, but not while eating your boiled potatoes and green beans.

That particular fare is not something the Supersizers, aka Giles



**GRUB'S UP:** Sue Perkins and Giles Coren will sample the delights of Roman food this week

Coren and Sue Perkins, will be likely to eat this week as they prepare to feast on the delights of ancient Rome for the last in the series.

They travel back to the early days of the Roman Empire to live on the food of the age and will inhabit a villa and don togas to scoff their faces through the culinary timeline of 44BC to 80AD.

What I like about this show is that even though it sticks to roughly the same formula each week the hosts are funny and the food cooked up for them is always intriguing.

The wartime episode, which showed how people got by on rations, with such delights as potato sandwiches forming part of an average diet, was especially interesting.

For the Rome experience, Italian chef and cookery writer Valentina Harris takes to a marble kitchen to rustle up delights such as the putrid-smelling fish sauce garum, the snack of iguana meat and other treats.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

**DON'T** throw your pearls to swine. Although you enjoy being generous with your resources you need to examine the reasons behind this behaviour. The minute you cut off the supply, fair-weather friends will drop you like a hot potato. You never know when your financial luck will run out.

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**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)

**BUILDING** your entire identity on a career isn't the best idea. You need to balance your life with other things. Granted, it's nice to be appreciated at work, but remember things always change. If you are suddenly left out in the cold, you'll need a place to go and lick your wounds.

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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)

**YOU** may be putting too much stock in a close relationship. Being in love will not solve all of your problems. In fact, it can multiply them. You are too strong to be influenced or intimidated by anyone, but getting just the right balance will be a bit of a struggle, but well worth it.

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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

**YOU** might be overreacting to some career pressure. Try keeping this situation in perspective. If your boss asks you to do the impossible, be ready to just say 'no' and explain why. The more rational you are, the easier it will be to compromise. You may be suffering from a lack of love in your life.

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**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)

**DON'T** give people too much credit this week. A secret enemy could be working against your interests. It's best to leave a paper trail of memos and advice notes for all of your work. That way, if somebody tries to take credit for it, you'll be able to prove who the true author is.

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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)

**YOU** may be putting too much trust in an opinion. What's good for one person isn't necessarily right for you. Strive to find your identity in this situation. Settling down to a single relationship or job could make you miserable. Be ready to break ranks for the sake of your own happiness.

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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)

**OVERINDULGING** in food or drink will leave you wacked out. You need to make some sensible choices about what you put into your body. It may be wise to avoid a friend who likes to party hard. If you've fallen into some bad habits, be prepared for someone close to lay the law down.

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

**PROMISING** more than you can deliver will get you in trouble. You've always been proud of your total honesty. Think what will happen if people start doubting your word. There may be good intentions behind your vows, but it's important to be realistic about what you can and can't do.

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**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)

**TRYING** to fit in with the crowd could be a pain. If you're forced to choose between your conscience and being popular, be true to yourself. Some friends will accuse you of betrayal, but eventually they'll respect your decision. Blurting out a secret could get you in trouble.

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**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)

**IS** debt spiralling out of control? It's time to take control of your finances. If you have a business or romantic partner who is being irresponsible with your joint resources, maybe it's time to open a personal account. Having your own nest egg is crucial to your emotional security.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)

**IT** is possible to have too much fun. Shirking your responsibilities will make friends angry. If you've recently fallen in love, it will be hard to tear yourself away from your lover's side. But make more time for those who were there for you during the single days.

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)

**INSISTING** others toe your line creates resentment. You need to respect peoples' differences. A placid person's angry outburst is a warning you have gone too far. Try being more sensitive to your surroundings. Listening will help you understand where others are coming from.

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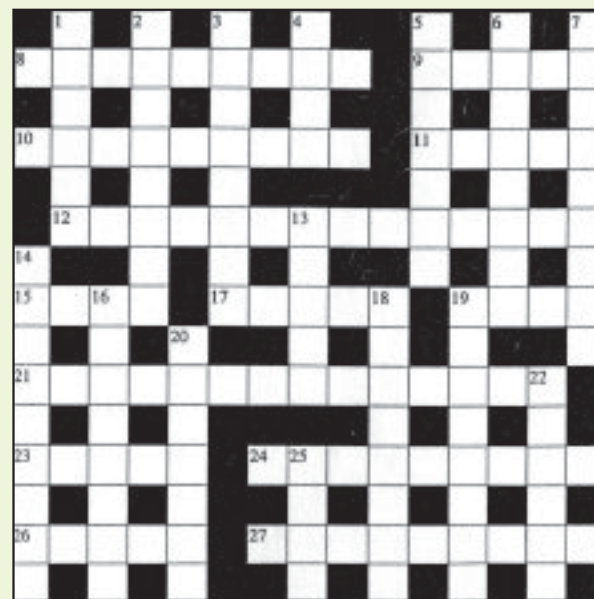
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- 8 A continental note that had been strained (9)  
9 Was amazingly due to ooze out (5)  
10 Group leader getting into another oily pool when there is only limited competition (9)  
11 In public it is lawful (5)  
12 What silly blank verse hasn't got (5,3,6)  
15 Assuming engineers go round common (4)  
17 Collect fool before noon first (5)  
19 The way one in France will amaze (4)  
21 Wise guy is going round southern country archipelago (7,7)  
23 Matilda's dance (5)  
24 Strong enough to resist effects of something that costs large sum of money? (9)  
25 Are without a single repeat showing (5)  
27 Master can rearrange religious act (9)

#### DOWN

- 1 Head branch (6)  
2 Carved a gory leg, it had been carved (8)  
3 Serve a writ upon beast losing time haphazardly (8)  
4 Bar security (4)  
5 Like eels that had congealed? (7)  
6 Ready to plant cutting of hawthorn (8)  
7 Rep intent struggling to the point (9)  
13 In the book a picture of an animal (5)  
14 Angry remark about this puzzle (9)  
16 People learning ancient customs (8)  
18 Sarah started zucchini before grub-up in Austria (8)  
19 Reportedly made a mistake going to capital with recurrence of symptoms (8)  
20 Astonishing Grace? (7)  
22 Ranger receiving advance in southeast (6)  
25 Not quite round the cricket ground (4)

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### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 8 Student of the past (9)  
9 Get to know (5)  
10 Refusing to accept (9)  
11 Italian Grand Prix venue (5)  
12 Concurrently (14)  
15 Burn (4)  
17 Sum owed (5)  
19 Brother of Abel (4)  
21 Light-haired female (8,6)  
23 Hellenic (5)  
24 Small German sausage (9)  
26 Ratel (anag.) (5)  
27 Skit (9)

#### DOWN

- 1 Upper arm muscle (6)  
2 Heavy cold (8)  
3 Talked idly (8)  
4 Caution (4)  
5 Perplex (7)  
6 Medicinal powder (8)  
7 Changeless (9)  
13 Book of photographs (5)  
14 Fall-guy (9)  
16 Almond-flavoured liqueur (8)  
18 Sneak (8)  
19 Victory (8)  
20 Edible nut (7)  
22 Relax (4,2)  
25 Tour (anag.) (4)



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### CRYPTIC SOLUTION No97

ACROSS: 1 Cash flow 6 Mirage 9 Blintz 10 Xenophon 11 Straight talk 13 Jingo 14 Slingshot 17 Flatulent 19 Green 21 Station-wagon 24 Coquette 25 Inbred 26 Extend 27 Speaking. DOWN: 2 Ably 3 Hindsight 4 Lizard 5 Waxbill 6 Munching 7 Repot 8 Good-looker 12 Billet-doux 15 Springbok 16 Allotted 18 Newness 20 Ignite 22 Truce 23 Vein.

### QUICK SOLUTION No98

ACROSS: 8 Historian 9 Learn 10 Rejection 11 Monza 12 Similitude 13 Chai 17 Debit 19 Cain 21 Platinum blonde 23 Greek 24 Bratwurst 26 After 27 Bursaque. DOWN: 1 Biceps 2 Streamer 3 Prattled 4 Warm 5 Flummox 6 Manganese 7 Unvarying 13 Album 14 Scapgoat 16 Amaretto 18 Telltale 19 Conquest 20 Hickory 22 Ease up 25 Rout.

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With the evil Voldemort on the rise, the students at Hogwarts have to be ever more vigilant about who is among them.

### BRÚNO (18)



Sacha Baron Cohen adopts the role of gay, crass, insolent fashionista Bruno from Austria, who tours the US looking to set up unsuspecting locals with his outrageous brand of 'interviewing'.

### THE PRIVATE LIVES OF PIPPA LEE (15)



Robin Wright Penn stars as Pippa Lee, a woman heading for a mental breakdown after moving to a retirement village with her older husband, who has an affair with her friend's son.

# When art imitated life for The Proposal's Sandra

■ BY KATE WHITING

FIVE years ago Sandra Bullock was single, heading for 40 and throwing herself into the Oscar-winning ensemble drama *Crash*.

Today she's married, stepmum to her tattooed biker-welder-husband's three kids and back on screens in a romantic comedy.

It's quite a turnaround, especially for an actress who used to believe marriage was a "death sentence". So what changed?

"I had everything I wanted, not realising that maybe I was going after things that weren't filling me up in the way I wanted," she says, candidly, when we meet in a London hotel to discuss her role as an unlikely bride in *The Proposal*.

"I never felt I was missing anything until one day I stopped long enough to smell the roses outside of this little treadmill I had gotten myself on to and I realised there were other things I liked that I didn't know."

In short, she fell in love with the right guy.

Sandra met Jesse James, apparently a real-life descendent of the American outlaw, and former presenter of the Discovery Channel's *Monster Garage*, when she arranged for her godson to meet him for a Christmas present.

They started dating and three months in she realised he was 'the one' – when he lay injured in a hospital bed after a racing accident.

"I always thought marriage meant that someone was going to ask you to stop being who you were and I met someone who not only wants me to be who I am, but likes it," says Sandra, beaming broadly.

In a bizarre case of art imitating life, Sandra's character in *The Proposal*, Margaret, is a workaholic boss who doesn't think she needs anything else in her life.



LIFE CHANGE: Sandra Bullock stars in *The Proposal*

But when the threat of deportation back to her native Canada means losing her job as an editor in a publishing company, she turns to her personal assistant Andrew (Ryan Reynolds) and blackmails him into marrying her.

Andrew reluctantly agrees, on the condition that she flies with him to Alaska to meet his family and celebrate his Grandma Annie's (Betty White) 90th birthday.

In real life, of course, Sandra is nothing like the hard-nosed, Christian Louboutin-wearing New Yorker Margaret – although she does look immaculate today in a white-and-black top, with her long dark hair tucked behind one shoulder to reveal a diamond earring.

And she is the 'older woman'. While Ryan, married to Scarlet Johansson, is 32, Sandra will be 45 later this month – although she hardly looks a day over 29 – the age she

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was in her breakthrough role in 1994's *Speed*.

As she sucks on boiled sweets and lets out real belly laughs, it is clear she couldn't be an 'evil witch' if she tried.

Through roles in films like *Miss Congeniality* and *Two Weeks Notice*, Sandra – Sandy to her friends – became known as the comic actress who could play the girl-next-door, the tomboy and the sexy leading lady.

Due to having some bad experiences of comedy, she only agreed to do *The Proposal* if she could be executive producer.

As for her acting future, Sandra implies that she might not stick at it for the long haul, unlike her 87-year-old *Proposal* co-star Betty White.

"Most of what I do in my life doesn't happen in front of the camera and I love it just as much."

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**LEGENDARY:** Australian drum and bass superstars Pendulum will be joined by MC Jakes (above right) for the Dubbed Out bank holiday weekend special at the Loft in Maidstone

## Pendulum are holiday hits at drum and bass night

AUSTRALIA'S most cherished export since Foster's will headline a stellar night of drum and bass next month.

Pendulum will perform the main DJ set at 666's Dubbed Out Bank Holiday weekend special at The Loft in Maidstone.

The six-piece – famed for big bass hits such as Granite, Propane Nightmares and Slam – will be backed by their UK tour master of ceremonies, MC Jakes, up-and-coming dubstep act 16 Bit and regular Dubbed Out residents Midnight Flight.

More acts are set to be added to the line-up.

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A 666 spokesman said: "It's the sixth instalment of Kent's biggest dubstep and drum and bass night."

"Pendulum are fast becoming legendary for their high-driven live shows and their DJ sets match the live band for their innovation and all-round energy."

"And yes, Perth's one and only Pendulum, the hottest drum and bass act on the planet, will be hitting The Loft and smashing out their rolling beats with MC Jakes."

"Expect breakdowns, beats, rewinds, wildly

remade tracks, fresh remixes and crazy, live mixing skills."

There are two 666 club nights at The Loft; the specialist electro/house/rave Spank night and the dubstep/drum and bass/experimental sounds of Dubbed Out.

The next Spank night is on Saturday, August 15, with Jack Beats – featuring the Scratch Perverts' DJ Plus One – taking to the turntables. Support comes from Matt Cox, Twisted DJs and Hijak Allstars.

Dubbed Out takes place on Saturday, August 29.

Get tickets at [www.wegotickets.com/event/53563](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/53563) for just £10. Entry costs £12 on the door. The nights runs from 10pm to 4am.

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# Regain your balance in Rockies

■ BY ROGER CROW

MY LUNGS were on fire as I forced one foot in front of the other. If exhaustion didn't get me, I wondered if a bear would.

Not that I'd seen one on my hour-long hike through the Canadian wilderness, but with plenty of warnings about such beasts in the area, I couldn't be too careful.

I'd hiked through the Rockies two years earlier and barely broken a sweat, so I wondered if the time between visits had left me out of shape.

"One more step and I'll reach the summit," I thought, but the track kept getting steeper, winding off into the distance. The roar of a cascading stream to my left was a driving soundtrack as I forced myself on.

With lungs gasping for breath, I reached my destination: the source of the waterfall – a sheer stone wall, water bubbling through the gap at its base.

At first sight, the hike had seemed simple until I realised later we were 7,200 feet above sea level. As Ben Nevis is an estimated 4,000 feet, it's little wonder I found it a struggle.

Based at peaceful Mount Engadine Lodge, half an hour's drive from one of Canada's most beautiful towns, Canmore, I was relieved to see our hosts had bear spray ready to ward off unwanted gatecrashers.

It's off the beaten track, and the lack of TVs and phone reception leaves some guests feeling a little cut-off, but if you want a break from civilisation, this is the perfect retreat.

After two idyllic days of picture-postcard views, I headed for Rafter Six Ranch Resort, between Calgary and Banff, for a horse ride to remember.



**MAJESTIC:** The Rockies make an impressive backdrop to views well worth hiking for, but don't forget bear spray

This three-and-a-half-hour trek was not for the faint of heart, and with an often-difficult course over tricky terrain, it made for a memorable, albeit taxing experience. Experienced riders will love it.

The following day was the summer solstice, a time for trying new things, as our yoga guide told us.

Icefield Tours, about two hours' drive from the heart of Banff, offers an unforgettable helicopter ride over some of the world's most breathtaking scenery. While some marry there, or go hiking, I was keen to try heli-yoga.

Our guide Martha was a tribute to the power of yoga. She turned 50 that week, but could have passed for mid-30s.

The breathtaking helicopter journey over winding aquamarine lakes and a sea of trees framed by the monumental Rockies was soon

balanced by utter calm. We touched down in a deserted field that would have looked at home in Little House On The Prairie.

It was an unlikely setting in which to be practising back arches, standing on one leg or 'saluting the sun'.

While having lunch by a babbling stream, I realised this was one of those rare trips which, unlike some of my yoga moves, was perfectly balanced.

Thanks to Martha's instructions, I alleviated my back pain and strengthened under-used muscles. It was one of the high points of this trip – or indeed any trip.

After three visits to Alberta, my ongoing love affair with this jewel in the Canadian crown shows no sign of abating. I may not have dropped a decade like my yoga guru did, but days there nudged my clock back a few weeks.

## FACT FILE: CANADA

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## Travel information

Roger Crow was a guest of Travel Alberta and BA Holidays, which offers seven-night fly-drive packages into Calgary from £814 per person in summer 2009, incl return BA flights and Avis inclusive car hire. Ex-Manchester from £876, ex-Glasgow from £874, both via Heathrow. All prices assume two sharing.

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Call for regulation of buy-to-let investors

IN a recent poll of 550 mortgage brokers, more than half of respondents said they would like to see buy-to-let regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

A total of 54 per cent expressed that view in the light of the current property prices situation.

Research from mortgage specialist, Exact, also revealed that 63 per cent of brokers estimated that more than 75 per cent of their buy-to-let clients were amateur investors.

For two out of five respondents, the percentage soared to more than 90 per cent of amateur landlords.

Exact's managing director, Alan Cleary, is of the opinion that the ready mortgage finance and credit that existed until 2007 made it too easy for amateurs "without a commercial head on their shoulders" to enter the market.

He said: "It was a mistake to assume that because buy-to-let was viewed as a commercial endeavour, it could be left unregulated."

"The number of amateur landlords in the private rented sector with sizeable portfolios now well under water is proof of the fact."

### Don't miss out on cash help for first-timers

FIRST-time buyers are being urged not to miss out on a share of £3.4 million which can help them on to the property ladder.

The money includes £1.7 million of Government funding for an initiative aimed at reducing the cost of homebuying and must be allocated before the end of this year.

"The scheme is called HomeBuy Direct and it dramatically reduces the initial purchase cost of a house and improves your chance of owning your own home," said Tim Nabbs, sales director for Ward Homes.

"We have around £1.7 million of Government funding, together with our own contribution of £1.7 million, which totals £3.4 million that has to be spent on HomeBuy Direct this year."

"I would advise people to come and talk to us to find out if they are eligible and we can answer any queries and help with the paperwork."

The scheme is open to a range of people who don't own their own home.

Households eligible will be earning more than £15,000 and less than £60,000.



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# Prices raised as buyers increase in confidence

■ BY NICK AMES

HOME-SELLERS raised their asking prices this month to meet increased demand from buyers, according to the operator of the UK's biggest residential property website.

The average cost of a home rose 0.6 per cent to £227,864 after falling 0.4 per cent in June, Rightmove said in a statement.

The housing market is showing signs of recovery from the worst economic contraction in a generation after officials rescued banks and started printing money.

"With growing confidence that we've passed the bottom, buyers are more active, although they may discover that many of the best buys have gone," Miles Shippide, commercial director of Rightmove, said in the statement.

Seven of ten regions tracked by Rightmove rose this month.

The average number of properties available for sale at each estate agent fell to 70 per cent from 71 in June.

At the same time the number of people looking at property listings on the site is "much higher than we would expect" for this time of year, Rightmove said.

UK mortgage approvals rose to 43,414 in May, up from 27,000 in November, the least since Bank of England data began a decade ago.

The reading is still about a third less than at the start of 2008.

The Bank of England has cut the benchmark interest rate to a record low of 0.5 per cent and is buying £125 billion of bonds with newly-created money to ease lending strains.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown has spent billions of pounds rescuing banks.



"With only seven volume lenders remaining in the lending game, including three Government-backed institutions that are prioritising their balance sheets over new lending, we are set to bump along the bottom for some time yet," Mr Shippide said.

The economy will grow 0.5 per cent next year, up from a previous forecast for a 0.1 per

cent contraction, according to experts who use the same forecasting model as the Treasury.

They predict Gross Domestic Product will drop 4.4 per cent this year, more than an earlier estimate of 3.5 per cent.

Repossessions may total 17,494 in the third quarter, up from 17,049 in the three months through June.

## Get deposit to secure mortgage

LOWER house prices should be good news for first-time buyers, but research shows that to secure a mortgage, they need an average deposit of £32,000.

Since the onset of the credit crunch almost two years ago, lenders have significantly tightened their lending criteria and the number of deals has been dwindling.

The best deals are saved for those with a hefty deposit – at least 25 per cent of buyers.

Research from moneysupermarket.com, the price comparison website, shows that some 13 per cent of 18 to 34 year olds are now thinking about buying their first home.

However, just 25 per cent of potential buyers have saved a deposit, which leaves three-quarters wondering where the money will come from. Many are relying on the 'bank of mum and dad'.

The figures show 16 per cent are thinking about taking out a loan to cover the cost of the deposit, but Louise Cuming, head of mortgages at moneysupermarket.com, warns that this is risky.

Ms Cuming said: "Taking out a loan to pay for a mortgage deposit is a dangerous move and must be avoided, even if it means you have to delay buying your first home."

She explained that if the lender discovers where the deposit came from, the mortgage application could be rejected.

In related news, house-builders Bovis, Redrow, Barratt and Persimmon last week highlighted that the lack of mortgage finance continued to hinder a recovery in the housing market.

The latest figures from the Council of Mortgage Lenders show that mortgage lending improved in May.

However, the number of home loans was still 28 per cent lower than it was this time last year.

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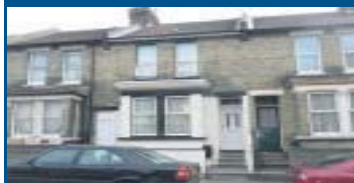
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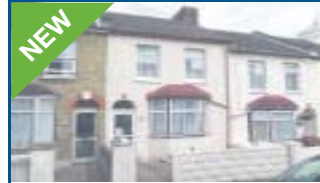
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## WOMEN seeking men

### LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Young lady, 20, enjoys meals out, cinema and socialising with friends, WLTW a man, 20-30, with similar interests. Eastbourne. Box 454247 **1**

### A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Hi I'm Katie, caring, fun-loving, 5ft5, slim single mum of 2. Enjoy clubbing out and cosy nights in with genuine man. Box 453269 **1**

### MATCH OF THE DAY!

Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5ft2, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494 **1**

### IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU BABY

Caring and honest lady, 25, blue eyes, blonde hair, looking for a sweet, caring and respectful non-smoking man, 25-35, for love, friendship and LTR. Box 873522 **1**

### NOT YOUR BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT...

Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105 **1**

### YOURS AND YOURS ONLY

Attractive, down-to-earth British-Indian single mum, 29, WLTW white British male, 29-34, no ties, for long-term relationship. Box 883431 **1**

### GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving lady, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471 **1**

### SEEKING MR DARCY

Warm, kind and sincere woman, 31, lots of love and loyalty for the right person, seeking an honest genuine man with a good heart. Box 451004 **1**

### HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5ft2, blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 **1**

### IN THE COUNTRY

Are you the one? I'm 33, single, 5ft2, pure country lass from farming background, seeking my lovely country man to make me forever happy. Box 892265 **1**

### A FAIRYTALE ENDING!

Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877357 **1**

### GOOD LUCK CHARM

Sporty female, 34, 5ft2, likes the gym, beach walks, Tennis and cycling, WLTW similar male in his 30s for friendship in Eastbourne. Box 453712 **1**

### HAPPY DAYS!

Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5ft4, size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 **1**

### SOUND GOOD?

Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039 **1**

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### SEALED WITH A KISS

Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079 **1**

### STARRY NIGHTS

Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights into looking for a caring man who to share the best thing in life. Box 878378 **1**

## HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 **1**

## GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding and WLTW honest, reliable man. Box 451311 **1**

## LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 **1**

## MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053 **1**



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Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **1**

## CUTE AS CAN BE

Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897985 **1**

## BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 39, 5ft6, likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614 **1**

## A SOUL MATE

Black Christian girl, 39, likes country music, loving, considerate, kind, caring, looking for a like-minded man, 32-50, with a pretty inside. Box 453066 **1**

## ENTHUSIASM ENCOURAGED!

Lovely pretty big-busted lady, 39, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! Likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724 **1**

## TO THE STARS

Woman with a great sense of humour, I'm 40 and I like going out, astrology, writing and socialising. How about you? Kent area. Box 453877 **1**

## YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walks, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship, relationship. Box 901893 **1**

## PERFECT MATCH

Hi I'm Nikki, 5ft7, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys animals especially my pets. Looking for a tall man who has a personality compatible with mine Box 453374 **1**

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## JOINED AT THE HIP

Sociable petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434 **1**

## A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTW a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 **1**

## BEHIND US

Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, out going, fun loving, professional, looking for a white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900 **1**

## FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident-once-known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106 **1**

## THE WIT TO WOO!

Kent female, 40, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 152862 **1**

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## I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY

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Kind, loving and caring mum, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with... how about you? St. Leonards-on-Sea. Box 446457 **1**

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Blonde, blue eyed woman, 44, fun-loving, looking for Mr Right. I love going out, nights in, movies, walking, long gigs. WLTW the right man for TLC. Box 880280 **1**

## THIS STATE OF

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Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with GSOH to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311 **1**

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Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings Box 417100 **1**

## HIT THE JACKPOT

Good-looking female, 50, looking for a kind, reliable and honest man, must be a moderate drinker, for companionship and romance. Box 878216 **1**

## JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 **1**

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Lighthearted female, 42, 5ft2, medium build, loves walking, socialising, swimming, holidays, looking for friendship maybe more. Box 453832 **1**

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Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410 **1**

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Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming. WLTW similar loving male. Box 443642 **1**

## WALKS ALONG THE BEACH

55yr old bubbly, cheerful, divorced lady, looking for a genuine, tall, smart man with a GSOH to share the finer things in life with. Box 453532 **1**

## SMART MOVE

Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship, more. Box 430854 **1**

## ACCOMPANY ME

Happy go lucky woman, 57, enjoys most things in life, looking for a homely chap for company and more. Gillingham Box 454320 **1**

## LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

Smart petite lady, 55, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795 **1**

## WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622



## MOTORS NEWS



### Different strengths of Euro and Japanese cars

HONDA and Skoda hit the heights in a survey by extended guarantee insurance specialist, Warranty Direct, of the most reliable three to six-year-old cars.

The Japanese brand emerged as the least likely to break down, while Mazda, Toyota, Subaru, Nissan and Mitsubishi also figured in the top ten.

But when it came to the cost of repairs, Czech brand Skoda was cheapest with an annual bill averaging £215.94. Other European marques also tended to be easier on the pocket once they went wrong.



### Some tempting deals on wheels from Nissan

NISSAN is tempting recession-hit consumers with a range of compelling deals until September 30, including a £1,000 discount on the newly launched five-door Pixo (from £5,995) city car.

This comes on top of low emissions qualifying the car for £35/year road tax fee and an average of 60+mpg.

Special editions of the low-cost Micra and Note (pictured) hatchbacks offer high-spec n-tec trim and Nissan is also making low deposit zero per cent finance and personal contract deals available across many models, as well as Government-sponsored scrappage offers.



### Ceed seen in new light

KIA has unveiled a smart new look for its popular Ceed family hatchback and, in doing so, confirmed the Korean brand's new corporate face.

The mid-life facelift freshens both the inside and outside of the car that has put Kia on the map with UK buyers in the past couple of years, helped by an astonishing seven-year warranty.

The new-look car should appear in showrooms later this summer and will herald more new Kia models – with the smarter front end – early next year.



**SHAPE SHIFTER:** Seat have basically taken the previous generation Audi A4 and reworked it to produce the reborn Exeo, saving them the costs of developing an entirely new car

# The audacious planning of 'Audi for Seat money'

## ROAD TEST SEAT EXEO

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Despite a Seat grille and some styling tweaks, it can't help looking like a 'dodgy Audi' or suffering from the A4's relatively cramped rear seating. But this is quibbling when compared with the benefits: pricing, peerless build quality, safety, reliability, a high quality cabin – ported over from the even more premium A4 Cabriolet rather than the saloon/estate – a decent boot and a terrific drive.

The last deserves most praise; Seat engineers chose to change the sporty chassis set-up of the Audi, which could be irritatingly firm in everyday use. There is still a Sport option, but our test car had Seat's standard set-up, which delivers a refined ride and responsive handling even on challenging roads.

Our mid-range SE spec car, with its entry level 2.0-litre 143PS/141bhp turbodiesel (£18,340) and six-speed gearbox also impressed with its liveliness, excellent cabin refinement and motorway composure – it should also average more than 50mpg.

Equipment levels are lavish, with our SE including cruise control, iPod/MP3 port, Bluetooth phone connectivity and voice control, rain sensing wipers, dual-zone climate control and smart alloys.



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MAYBE it is the most staid of our trio, but the E-Class claims the highest swank value. Nothing beats a three-pointed star on the bonnet at this level. Reliability and quality has been excellent, though the halo slipped on the previous 2002-2009 range (pictured) until a facelift in 2006. Ride and handling is more in the 'comfort zone', but the E-Class is nimble enough and the estate is a cavernous and luxurious load-lugger. Excellent diesel engines complete a tempting package.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### AUDI A6



UNTIL the current A6 range, Audi's 'management motor' struggled to match its German rivals for style and image, though fit and finish was beyond reproach. However, examples built before the current 2004 line-up (pictured) can still be incredible bargains. Unless you buy the more expensive quattro versions though, an A6 means front-wheel drive. Ride and comfort also tends towards hard and 'sporting', but the A6 offers excellent powertrains, particularly diesels.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### BMW 5-SERIES



BMW and its charismatic badge enjoy the most aspirational image with buyers and much credit goes to the 5-Series – a big car yet famed for its handling. The previous incarnation (pictured) laid the foundations for that and many people still prefer its reserved styling to the looks of its successor. The 5-Series also boasts some excellent engines, though chronically underpowered four-cylinder petrol ex-company car variants are best avoided – whatever the price.

#### STAR QUALITY

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## Kent League Division One

## Lordswood 1st XI v Ashford Town 1st XI

RUNAWAY leaders Lordswood suffered a surprise first defeat of the season at the hands of Ashford Town at Martin Grove on Saturday.

The home side had looked imperious for most of the season but came unstuck with a low run rate, allowing Ashford to cruise to a five-wicket victory.

The Lords chose to bat first and openers Chris Thompson and Alan Pattenden made a patient start. The pair put on 58 before Pattenden was caught off James Rand's bowling. Lyndon Lockhart soon followed back to the pavilion after being trapped leg before by the same bowler.

When Andrew Maurice dismissed Thompson and Efen Cruz, the hosts were suddenly in trouble at 68 for 4.

Matt Greenwood and Darren Scott shared a half-century partnership but significantly it came at a slow pace. Scott took 77 balls to reach 23 not out by the end of the 50 overs as Lordswood finished on only 150 for 6.

Needing just three runs an over for victory, Ashford were under little pressure to take any risks. Neither opener was able to make a significant contribution, unlike Shannon Fattore (50) and Peter Shields (44 not out). The duo put on 54 for the third wicket and a further 19 from Stuart Paine all but saw Ashford home.

Despite the hiccup, Lordswood remain 55 points clear at the top and on course for promotion back to the top flight.

# Poor batting consigns Lords to first defeat of the season



**SHOCK:** Lordswood's long unbeaten run came to a halt on Saturday as they were punished for a low scoring rate by Ashford Town

## SCOREBOARD

## Lordswood

	Runs
Chris Thompson lbw b Maurice	28
Alan Pattenden ct Paine b Rand	22
Lyndon Lockhart lbw b Rand	1
Efen Cruz b Maurice	5
Matt Greenwood ct Tegg b Taylor	31
Darren Scott not out	23
Matt Iles ct Shields b Raza	11
Robert Norman not out	8
Daniel Masters did not bat	
Richard Cross did not bat	
Jeremy Greaves did not bat	

Extras (7b 6lb 6w 2nb)	21
<b>Total</b> (6 wickets, 50 overs)	<b>150</b>

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Mohsin Raza	7	0	26	1
James Rand	13	3	26	2
Andrew Maurice	15	3	35	2
Liam Tegg	5	1	18	0
Simon Taylor	7	1	19	1
Craig Buckham	3	0	13	0

## Ashford Town

	Runs
Simon Taylor ct Cruz b Iles	19
Liam Tegg ct Greaves b Iles	8
Shannon Fattore ct Cruz b Scott	50
Peter Shields not out	44
Stuart Paine b Thompson	19
Jason Boulter b Thompson	0
Craig Buckham not out	2
Andrew Maurice did not bat	
Gavin Hope did not bat	
James Rand did not bat	
Mohsin Raza did not bat	

Extras (1b 5lb 1w 2nb)	9
<b>Total</b> (5 wickets, 40.3 overs)	<b>151</b>

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Chris Thompson	7	0	38	2
Matt Iles	12	3	28	2
Daniel Masters	5.3	0	21	0
Darren Scott	11	0	39	1
Richard Cross	4	0	16	0
Jeremy Greaves	1	0	3	0

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

## Rainham 1st XI v Sidcup 1st XI

ANY lingering hopes Rainham had of promotion from Division Four were realistically extinguished with a five-wicket defeat to Sidcup.

The home side struggled after being put into bat, with their top three all despatched back to the pavilion cheaply. Stuart Chipperfield top scored with 38 as the middle order resisted, but 169 all out looked below par.

Callum Mitchell took three wickets in the Sidcup reply. His third victim was Norman Puckerin, but not before the batsman had hit 69 to set the visitors up for a comfortable victory.

## Rainham

	Runs
Andy Parkinson	9
David Sherford	14
Matt Goodwin	8
James Austin	25
Callum Mitchell	22
Stuart Chipperfield	38
Daniel Mason	16
Gary Ward	4
Jonathan Prince	13
Chris Small	4
Glen Cook	0
Extras	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>

	O	M	R	W
Tim Dawes	7	2	26	1
Thomas Beament	7	1	31	2
Faisal Zaman	11.4	3	28	2
Norman Puckerin	7	1	25	1
James Dawes	4	1	30	2
Scott Noble	5	3	12	0
Phil Robinson	3	1	5	2

## Sidcup

	Runs
Seetharam Krishnamurthy	11
Mat Kilbey	26
Phil Robinson	10
Norman Puckerin	69
Peter Stevenson	27
Scott Noble	0
Tim Dawes	9
Thomas Beament	did not bat
Tim Cook	did not bat
Faisal Zaman	did not bat
James Dawes	did not bat
Extras	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>170</b>

	O	M	R	W
Callum Mitchell	8	2	40	3
Chris Small	6	1	35	0
James Austin	8	0	38	1
Jonathan Prince	3	0	11	0
Glen Cook	4	1	28	0
Daniel Mason	21	0	7	1

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

## OD CUACO 1st XI v Upchurch 1st XI

AFTER leading the division for the entire season, Upchurch's lead at the top has been cut to just eight points as they suffered a six-wicket defeat.

The leaders were bowled out for a disappointing 115 inside 40 overs, but it could have been worse had it not been for a 30-run partnership for the final wicket between Daniel Overbury (19 not out) and Tim Mullis (18). Andrew Shirley top scored with 24.

The home side lost an early wicket claimed by Craig Bewick, but they chased the target down inside 24 overs.

## Upchurch

	Runs
Lee Taylor	4
Andrew Shirley	24
Steve Parker	0
Michael Hales jnr	1
Marc Bond	14
Daniel Parker	0
Dean Headley	2
Adam Hodder	0
Craig Bewick	3
Daniel Overbury	19
Tim Mullis	18
Extras	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>

	O	M	R	W
Patrick O'Rourke	15	3	42	2
Sam Stuart	12	2	28	3
Tim Smedley	8	1	19	3
Andrew Ainger	4	1	15	1
Mohammed Rifan	0.2	0	0	1

## OD CUACO

	Runs
Greg White	6
Nilesh Patel	13
Mohammed Rifan	38
Stuart Dickenson	23
Aaron White	24
Patrick O'Rourke	7
Peter White	did not bat
David Mew	did not bat
Tim Smedley	did not bat
Andrew Ainger	did not bat
Sam Stuart	did not bat
Extras	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>116</b>

	O	M	R	W
Marc Bond	4	1	13	0
Craig Bewick	3	1	8	1
Adam Hodder	7	0	46	1
Michael Hales jnr	7	0	29	2
Daniel Parker	1.3	0	11	0
Daniel Overbury	1	0	9	0

## KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

## Frindsbury 1st XI v Deal Victoria &amp; Barns Close 1st XI

DEAL Victoria kept up their title charge with a narrow 16-run victory at Frindsbury.

Deal Vics batted first on a wicket which was giving some assistance to the bowlers, but Matt Carley played the innings of the day with an excellent 75 in an innings of 149.

Frindsbury, needing 150 to win from 51 overs, made a good start and at 82 for 2, were odds-on favourites, but Charlie Mailli had other ideas.

After taking 1 for 9 from his first spell, he came back with a vengeance, bowling his 12 overs for only 22 runs and taking four wickets as the home side were bowled out for 133.

## Deal Victoria &amp; Barns Close

	Runs
Andrew Furness	5
Mark Birkett	19
Charles Mailli	2
Matthew Carley	75
Austen Marsh	4
Robbie Brannan	16
Andrew Miller	17
Pete Court	1
Scott McNamara	1
Graham McNamara	3
Josh Erskine	0
Extras	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>

Extras	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>

	O	M	R	W
Matt Payne	9	2	25	1
Robbie Elliott	7	1	29	2
Shivajith Muttal	7	2	17	1
Sam Dudgeon	10.3	0	32	4
Peter Elswood	2	0	21	0
Sam Budd	5	0	23	0

## Frindsbury

	Runs
Dan Reeves	2
Robbie Elliott	17
Robert Sait	29
Sam Dudgeon	49
Ian Budd	3
Samuel Gracey	0
Sam Budd	0
David Peters	1
Matt Payne	0
Peter Elswood	10
Shivajith Muttal	4
Extras	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>

	O	M	R	W
Scott McNamara	11.2	1	41	2
Charles Mailli	12	3	22	4
Graham McNamara	11	2	22	1
Mark Birkett	12	2	36	3

## KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1B

## Blue Bell Hill 1st XI v The Mote 3rd XI

A CENTURY from Tom Highsted helped Blue Bell Hill beat The Mote 3rds by 17 runs in a high-scoring game on Saturday. Highsted's 121 was instrumental as the home side reached a commanding 273 for 8 from their 46 over allocation. Without the innings Blue Bell Hill would have struggled, with Michael Hanson the next highest scorer on 37.

Lawrence Freeborn (73) and Dan Taylor (74) spearheaded The Mote's reply, but the target was just too high and the overs ran out to give Blue Bell Hill victory.

## Blue Bell Hill

	Runs
Michael Hanson	37
Jack Attridge	16
Hugo Parnell	8
Tom Highsted	121
Jack Brivio	32
Leigh Short	5
Ian Hayward	7
Nigel Munn	14
David Underwood	6
James Hanson	8
Extras	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>273</b>

Extras	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>273</b>

	O	M	R	W
Paul Usher	12	1	51	5
John-Jacob Britz	12	1	67	0
Paul Merwood	8	1	43	1
Chris Feltham	9	0	51	0
Alex Dickerson	3	0	20	1
Matt Britz	2	0	21	1

## The Mote

	Runs
Paul Merwood	12
Richard Feltham	5
Lawrence Freeborn	73
Matt Britz	11
Rajeevan Raveendran	32
Dan Taylor	74
Mark Bristow	27
Chris Feltham	1
John-Jacob Britz	1
Alex Dickerson	did not bat
Paul Usher	did not bat
Extras	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>

	O	M	R	W
Michael Hanson	12	4	40	2
James Hanson	5	1	26	0
Leigh Short	7	0	56	0
Hugo Parnell	8	0	50	1
Ian Hayward	9	1	45	3
Tom Highsted	5	0	29	0





**HOPE:** Kevin Parrish is waiting for news on Joe White's commitments

# Life on beat could put end to Mos netminder's stay

INVICTA Dynamos head coach Kevin Parrish admits he still doesn't know if Joe White is able to commit to the club for next season due to the netminder's work commitments.

The 20-year-old was a crucial part of the side that won two trophies last season after signing midway through the campaign from Basingstoke Bison.

But White begins a new job as a Police Community Support Officer next month and is unsure whether his shifts will clash with training and games with the Mos.

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Parrish told Yourmedway: "We're still in the dark with Joe. I've had a chat with him and he doesn't want to commit to us until he knows for sure."

"He's a very honest guy and has said he wants to stay, so if he gets it sorted out I'd put my house on him coming back."

"If he missed one weekend in three or something like that we could handle that because I have a very capable goalie and I'd still sign

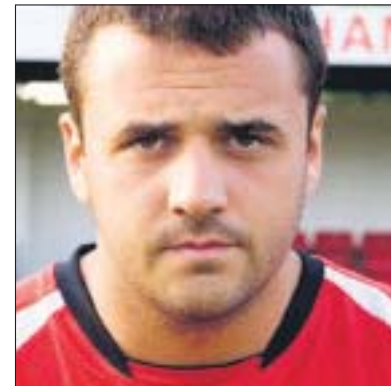
him. We should find out one way or the other quite soon."

The Mos continue to strengthen in other areas of their squad, with three more added to next season's roster. Mike Jones has signed after a spell in Turkey's top flight as captain of Ankara.

The 21-year-old defender has already racked up plenty of experience and has also played at Invicta's level for Flintshire Freeze.

Anthony Lennon and veteran Elliot Andrews, who were both part of last season's squad, have also re-signed.

## FOOTBALL



Picture: ADRIAN LINE

**HAT-TRICK:** Lee Barnett bagged three against Norton

# Chats ace back on good foot with a stunning hat-trick

LEE Barnett showed no ill effects of a troublesome foot injury as he notched a five-minute hat-trick for Chatham Town against Norton Sports on Saturday.

Brad Potter and Rob Denness scored early on before Barnett hit three in the closing minutes to seal a 5-0 victory.

Last season's top scorer was not originally down to play at Woodstock Park due to a foot problem, but after declaring himself fit to play he then predicted his goals haul.

Manager Alex O'Brien said: "I said I'd give him 45 minutes and he texted me back saying he would get a hat-trick. He's not fully fit yet, but he did well and I was pleased with the whole team for battling through against a tough, aggressive side because they were happy to roll their sleeves up."

## Attacking

The victory came 48 hours after Chatham opened their pre-season with a 2-1 win against Holmesdale. Both goals came from an unlikely source as teenage full-back Michael Scott revelled in an attacking role.

O'Brien was delighted with the England schoolboy international but said he will be looking to use him sparingly this season.

He said: "He might not play 45 games this season but he's definitely wanted at this club. We want him to enjoy his football rather than burn him out so he picks up injuries."

While the new Chats boss is happy with the squad he already has, he used two trialists at Norton who may yet join. Centre-back Daryl Hollington and midfielder Ryan Perkins will get another opportunity to impress before a decision is made.

The Chats were in action against Maidstone United last night. Log on to [www.yourmedway.co.uk](http://www.yourmedway.co.uk) for the report. On Saturday they visit Sussex side Hassocks before hosting Dagenham & Redbridge at Maidstone Road next Tuesday.



Pictures: ADY KERRY

**OUT:** Stuart Lewis, Adam Miller and Dennis Oli are likely to miss the start of the season after picking up injuries in pre-season friendlies to disrupt Gillingham's League One plans

# Worry for Gills as Oli joins list of walking wounded

GILLINGHAM'S injury concerns are growing after Dennis Oli became the third player in less than a week to pick up a problem which is likely to rule him out for the start of the season.

After an injury-free opening to pre-season, the club's preparations have taken a turn for the worse.

Stuart Lewis and Adam Miller were both injured in last week's friendly at Bishop's Stortford, while Oli suffered suspected knee ligament damage in Saturday's goalless draw against Calais.

All three are expected to be ruled out for the start of the League One season in ten days.

## FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

time. It is a blow to manager Mark Stimson's preparations for the new season, but he attempted to shrug off the problems.

He told the club's website: "It's three players who would probably be in the [squad of] 18 this year. Two might have been in the starting 11, so they're not good injuries to pick up."

"What can you do? You can't sit here and moan and whinge about it, but it's better to just get on with it."

The Gills boss has also stepped up his efforts to bring in an extra striker, with a

£50,000 bid reportedly made to Charlton Athletic for Chris Dickson.

The striker is a popular figure at Priestfield after a successful loan spell in the 2007/08 season which saw him net 11 goals in 14 games, although at the time of writing Charlton had not given an official response.

One acquisition which should go through this week is midfielder Rashid Yussuff, who is expected to put pen to paper to turn his trial into a permanent contract after impressing in pre-season.

The Gills were in action against Bromley last night. Log on to [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk) for the report.

This weekend Stimson's side have trips to Thurrock on Saturday and Crystal Palace on Sunday.

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